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NOTICE.

THE undersigned hereby give notice that a Public Meeting of Ratepayers will be held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 21, 1911, at 2 o'clock p.m. precisely, to devise ways and means of raising the requisite funds for Municipal purposes, and to pass resolutions in reference thereto and to deliberate and decide upon other Municipal matters and business. At such meeting the accounts of the Council for the year ending December 31, 1910, will be submitted for the sanction and approval of the Ratepayers.

Shanghai, February 28, 1911.

THORVALD HANSEN,
Consul-General for Norway.

PAUL VON BURI,
Consul-General for Germany.

VON ZEPPELIN OBERMULLER,
Consul-General for the Netherlands.

T. RAASCHOU,
Consul-General for Denmark.

CARLOS DE SOSTOA,
Consul for Spain.

CARLOS DE SOSTOA,
Acting Consul for Mexico.

A. ARIVOSHI,
Consul-General for Japan.

A. MONACO,
Consul-General for Italy.

G. VAN SCHENDEL,
Acting Consul-General for Belgium.

M. DEJEAN DE LA BATIE,
Consul-General for France.

J. F. DAS CHAGAS,
Acting Consul-General for Portugal.

HUGO SUTER,
Consul for Brazil.

TORSTEN UDDEN,
Acting Consul-General for Sweden.

W. BRATTSOW,
Acting Consul-General for Russia.

M. TEJEDOR,
Consul-General for Cuba.

E. D. H. FRASER,
H. M. Consul-General.

H. SCHUMPETER,
In charge of the Austro-Hungarian Consulate-General.

AMOS. P. WILDER,
American Consul-General.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2072.

VICTORIA NURSING HOME.

PROBATIONERS are required for the Home, who will devote themselves, during a period of training of three years, to the attainment of a knowledge of NURSING.

Applicants should not be under 19 years of age.

Particulars may be obtained from, and applications should be made to, the Matron at the Home.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, December 8, 1910.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2093.

THE following motions will be brought forward by the Council at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers to be held at the Town Hall on March 21, 1911, and are published for general information:—

Resolution I.—Occupancy of the Chair.

Resolution II.—Appointment of a Secretary to the Meeting.

Resolution III.—Adoption of Rules of Procedure.

Resolution IV.—That the Report and Accounts for the year ending December 31, 1910, be passed.

Resolution V.—That with the object of securing rat-proof houses for the purpose of preventing Plague, the Council be hereby authorized, acting in execution of Article XXX of the Land Regulations, to amend Nos. VIII and XVIII of the Rules with respect to New Chinese Buildings in accordance with the proposals of the Health Officer, published in the Municipal Gazette of February 16, 1910.

Resolution VI.—That the estimated expenditure for 1911, contained in the Budget proposed by the retiring Council, together with the recommendations attached thereto, be approved and adopted, and that the Council be hereby authorized to impose, collect and recover the rates, taxes, dues and fees recommended therein, and to raise, should it be considered expedient to do so, a sum not exceeding Tls. 300,000, by the issue of debentures redeemable in not less than ten and not more than thirty years from date of issue and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum, for the purposes defined in the estimate of Extraordinary Expenditure.

Resolution VII.—That in pursuance of the scheme for the erection of new Municipal Buildings outlined in the Municipal Gazette of December 8, 1910, and, more particularly to provide a site for the Headquarters and Drill Hall for the Volunteer Corps to be erected in accordance with Resolution XI passed at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers in 1909, the Council be hereby authorized to extend the land already occupied by the existing Central Offices in the south-east direction up to the corner of the Foochow and Kiangse Roads, and to raise for that purpose, a sum not exceeding Tls. 250,000 by the issue of debentures redeemable in not less than ten and not more than fifty years from date of issue and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum.

Resolution VIII.—That the Council be hereby authorized to raise upon lines specified in Resolution VI, a loan not exceeding Tls. 350,000 for the purchase and erection of additional electrical plant.

Resolution IX.—Election of Land Commissioner for the ensuing year.

Resolution X.—Election of four Governors of the General Hospital for the ensuing year.

Ratepayers intending to ask questions in regard to the Accounts or other matters connected with the foregoing Resolutions, are requested to give notice of such intention before the Meeting, so that a full answer or other explanation may be given.

Ratepayers desirous of bringing forward additional motions, or of nominating duly qualified persons willing to serve under Resolutions IX and X are required to give notice thereof to the undersigned before 4 p.m. on March 17, for due publication.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, March 9, 1911.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2094.

TENDERS FOR ELECTRIC CABLE.

WITH reference to Notification No. 2086, it is hereby notified that in view of the delay occasioned in the arrival of the mails *via Siberia* owing to quarantine regulations, the time for receipt of tenders is extended for a period of two weeks, terminating at Noon on Thursday, March 23, 1911.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,

Shanghai, March 9, 1911.

At the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, March 8, 1911, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
H. Figge
H. A. J. Macray
C. Selby Moore
W. A. C. Platt
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Consular Body.

A letter from Mr. V. Grosse, Consul-General for Russia, informs the Council that he has taken over charge of the Consulate-General with effect from March 4.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The agreement of Inspector Mackintosh, which expired on March 5, has, upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, not been renewed.

The appointment of the following Probationary Sergeants is confirmed with effect from March 6:—

E. L. Gladwish
G. Holt
I. C. Kiloh
G. Morgan
H. E. Peck
W. Simpson
J. R. Welch
R. Wilson

Nine months leave of absence is granted to Sub-Inspector O'Toole with effect from April 29.

Casual Ward.

Attention is drawn to steps which have been taken through H. M. Judge, and H. M. Consul-General, to place a portion of the British Gaol at the Council's disposal for the establishment of a Work-Shelter or Casual Ward, as a result of a memorandum by the Committee of the Seamen's Mission, to which reference was made in the Municipal Gazette of November 25, 1909. The memorandum in question, after treating of the existing system of charity for indigent foreigners organized by co-operation between the various philanthropic bodies since 1905, indicated further necessary measures for the better organization of such charity, and recorded the view that the chronic loafer class should receive no help except in return for work. This was embodied in a resolution that in order to deal with chronic loafers, the Council be asked to open a shelter where casuals can be housed for the night and fed in return for six or more hours of labour. A police report on this suggestion, submitted in accordance with the

Council's decision at the time, advocated making use, if possible, of the British Gaol for the establishment of the proposed shelter; but pointed out that without compulsory powers for dealing with the unemployed no improvement in the direction desired would thereby be effected. The Council in its reply to the representations of the deputation appointed by the Mission for discussion of the question, endorsed this view. The deputies thereupon expressed their conviction that even without compulsory powers the opening of a Work-Shelter or Casual Ward under the Council's management would effect considerable improvement, and suggested that in view of the small expenditure involved, the measure might be initiated as an experiment for one year.

A plan showing a proposed Casual Ward by use of part of the British Gaol has received the approval of H. M. Office of Works, upon certain conditions. These include construction work and payment of a rental of £15.75 per mensem.

The Council is prepared to meet the requisite expense on the scheme for the establishment of a Casual Ward for Foreigners without employment, to be hereafter under Police control. Some discussion arises as to the class of work which inmates of the Ward will be made to perform, and it is recorded that these and other arrangements will in the first place be experimental in character. The primary aim of the institution is to meet the desire of local charitable societies for a place where beachcombers and the like may be sent to obtain meals and a few nights' lodging in return for work performed. The matter is now one of construction detail and is therefore referred to the Works Committee.

Unrepresented Foreigners.

With reference to the cases of (a) two alleged German proteges at present in the Hongkew Station cells, and (b) two alleged Greeks sentenced on March 4 at the Mixed Court to 2 years and 6 months' imprisonment respectively, it is pointed out that the number of Foreign destitutes and criminals without Consular protection is increasing, and the Council is therefore under the necessity of directing that a definite number of cells in the Municipal Gaol be set aside for convicts sentenced under Rule 7 of the Mixed Court. It is directed that such criminals be treated in exactly the same manner as ordinary Chinese prisoners, except that (a) they will not be housed in cells together with Chinese, and (b) they will be given Foreign food in exact accordance with that supplied to 3rd-class prisoners in the British Gaol. The following correspondence as to the first of the cases in question is ordered for publication; and the Council notes at the same time that repeated efforts were made by the German Consular Authorities, after the hearing in the Mixed Court, with a view to arranging the departure of the two foreigners, but that they have not been successful:—

Council Room.

Shanghai, January 28, 1911.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform the Consular Body that the provision of temporary work and relief for indigent foreigners generally, pending their departure from Shanghai, has been receiving attention during the past year, and there is some prospect that a practical system may be the outcome.

The treatment of such destitutes, when unrepresented by Consular authority, is of peculiar difficulty, and demands special consideration. If foreigners are refused Consular recognition except upon production of definite proofs of nationality, the necessary authority for repression of their offences or control of their movements is lacking without reference to the Mixed Court followed by confinement in the Municipal Gaol for Chinese offenders, a course which the Council views with much reluctance.

Until recent years the number of persons of this class coming under the notice of the Police, showed no sign of advance, and therefore the practice of providing them occasionally with food and lodging at one of the Police Stations, pending their departure by the first opportunity, was open to little objection. There is now some evidence of increase in their number, and in order to check it the Council proposes for the future to place such men at work upon the labour with which the Chinese convicts are occupied.

An instance of the difficulty which has given rise to this decision is the case of two foreigners named Vassalik, believed to be of German nationality though apparently unprovided with proof thereof. They were taken before the Mixed Court with the German Assessor on the Bench on August 20, charged with being destitute, and were sentenced to be detained in custody pending arrangements for their departure. They have so remained, with the intermission of one month, ever since. The Council has therefore directed that they be given work with the convicts breaking stones.

In bringing the matter to your notice for the information of the Consular Body, I have the honour to express the hope that, in destitute cases of this kind, the Foreign Treaty Consuls will spare no endeavour to establish the nationality of the concerned, and without dependence upon documentary proof alone, will accept any ordinary evidence or indication as reasonable proof of nationality. By this means the duties of the Police will be facilitated, and the Community will be spared prolonged expense of a kind which it should not properly be called upon to bear.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. A. C. PLATT,

Vice-Chairman.

T. HANSEN, Esq.,

Consul-General for Norway
and Senior Consul.

Shanghai, March 7, 1911.

SIR.—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 28 in regard to destitute foreigners who are unable to produce satisfactory proof of their nationality, and to say that the Consular Body has taken due notice of the same.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,
THORVALD HANSEN,
Consul-General for Norway,
and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman Municipal Council.

Plague Prevention Conference.

A letter from the Chairman of the Plague Prevention Conference is read on the subject of quarantine upon ships from Port Arthur, and his suggested reply to the letter of the Consul-General for Japan enclosed therein, meets with the Council's acquiescence:—

Shanghai, March 6, 1911.

SIR—I have the honour to send you herewith copy of a letter which I received from the Consul-General for Japan regarding Port Arthur. If there will be no objection laid before me until Wednesday, the 8th inst. at noon, I intend to give the following answer which, I hope, will express the true opinion of the Committee.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

P. VON BURI,
Consul-General for Germany.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, March 4, 1911.

SIR AND DEAR COLLEAGUE,—On the authority of the Japanese Official Reports, I have the honour to inform you that there has been no case of plague in and near Port Arthur, and I beg to suggest that the declaration of infection against that port be removed and be treated same as Dairen.

I have, etc,

A. ARIYOSHI,

Consul-General for Japan.

P. VON BURI, Esq.,
Consul-General for Germany,
Plague Prevention Committee.

(Draft reply).

SIR AND DEAR COLLEAGUE,—After having received your letter dated March 4 I have communicated to the Members of the Plague Prevention Committee your suggestion that the declaration of infection against Port Arthur should be removed and that this port should be treated in the same way as it has just been decided as regards Dairen. I now have the honour to put before you the following opinion of the Committee as the result of my inquiry:—

The resolution about a mitigated treatment of ships coming from Dairen as it was passed by the Committee at its last meeting has been the result, as you will be aware, of two distinct considerations: The absence of plague confirmed by official statements and the enforcement of stringent measures taken against plague by the authorities of that port, especially in detaining and observing people coming from the North. As regards Port Arthur your letter does not mention but the first of these conditions as existing there nothing being known to the Committee about the measures taken at Port Arthur to the purpose of controlling the traffic coming from the plague-infected hinterland and of duly observing the people before leaving the harbour.

Under these circumstances the Committee is of the opinion that it would not be advisable at present to apply the procedure put in force against ships coming from Dairen to ships coming from Port Arthur.

I have the honour to be,

Sir and dear Colleague,

Your obedient servant,

P. VON BURI,
Consul-General for Germany.

Road Extensions and Widening.

Official Plans.—Draft plans of all the Districts are submitted showing the improvements which have been effected during 1910, and containing proposals for the present year. These are as follows:—

Central District.

Acquisition of Cadastral Lot 171 for inclusion within the Central Offices site and for widening the Foochow and Kiangee Roads.

Northern District

The road connecting Haining and Range Roads to be named Fusan Road.

Eastern District.

The section of Dalny Road south of Yangtzepoo to be re-named Chinwangtao Road.

Substitution of names for numbers on all new roads in the District.

Western District.

Extending the Great Western Road to the Settlement Boundary. Extending the House Refuse Depot on West Soochow Road to include Cadastral Lots 4420, 4430 and 4431, and two pieces of unregistered land.

Extending the Ellis Kaduorie School site to include Cadastral Lot 925 and unregistered land.

Conversion of Love Lane into a Municipal Road 30 feet wide.

Substitution of names for numbers on all new roads in the District.

Myburgh Road.—With a view to improving the approach to the new temporary bridge adjoining the Sinza Stone Bridge, negotiations are authorized for the acquisition of the land required for completing the section of

the Myburgh Road between the Sinza Road and the Soochow Creek. For the unregistered strip north of Lot 675, measuring Mow 0.148, compensation is approved at the price fixed in the Taotai's proclamation, Tls. 200 per mow, with Tls. 320.40 added for the removal and re-instatement of 5 native shops.

West Soochow Road.—With reference to an enquiry by the Rev. Father Brun, Procureur, Société des Missions Etrangères, as to whether the Council would be prepared to make up this scheduled road along the Soochow Creek from the Sinza Stone Bridge to the Cheng'u Road, the recommendation of the Engineer is adopted that the land be acquired, and that a 12-foot strip be raised and metalled, at an estimated cost of Tls. 2,100, in return for a contribution of two-thirds of the cost from the concerned.

Fulin Road.—A letter from the owner of Cadastral Lots 2687/9 refers to the surrenders for road purposes made from the estate, and requests that the scheduled area of the adjoining land be now obtained so that access may be provided to his property. The cost of completing the section of the road in question with a metalled 12-foot strip, is estimated at Tls. 1,780. The Council authorizes negotiations for acquiring the land, and the metalling, etc., will be carried out provided two-thirds of the cost are borne by the owners interested.

Woodpaving.

With reference to the contract with Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., for the supply of tarred Jarrah wood blocks for paving the Nanking Road, the purchase is authorized from this firm of an additional quantity of 30,000 blocks, at the rate of Tls. 60 per 1,000, any surplus to be used as required for repairs and widenings.

Landing Stages.

North Yangtze Road.—A letter from the Nippon Yusen Kaisha refers to former correspondence on the subject of these landing stages in which they agreed to construct a new landing stage in place of the uppermost of the existing structures, but requested that in view of the right of access possessed by the public, one-half the cost thereof be defrayed from the public funds. Their proposal to defer construction work for the present and to proceed with repairs to the existing structure at their own expense is approved. It is noted that if and when reconstruction of either of these landing stages takes place, they shall be of a type uniform with others which have been constructed by the Public Works Department under similar circumstances; and the same conditions shall be applicable, i.e., all repairs to be executed by the Council, and the public to have full right of access.

Pingchiao Quarry.

The following letter from H.M. Consul at Hangchow, on the subject of the condition of the fairway of the Grand Canal and other waterways, is ordered for publication with reply as directed:—

Hangchow, February 27, 1911.

SIR,—I am in receipt of a communication from the Chékiang Bureau of Foreign Affairs to the effect that, owing to the abnormally low level of water in the Grand Canal and other waterways, the steam launches plying between Hangchow and Shanghai have much difficulty in getting past Kashing; and that the launch companies have represented that the channel at and near that place is blocked up with stones, jettisoned by heavily loaded boats in order to lighten themselves sufficiently to get over the shallows.

I am asked to bring this fact to the notice of the Shanghai Municipal Council and to request that instructions may be issued to the stone boats in the employ of the Council, that on no account are they to throw stone overboard at Kashing or elsewhere in the waterways on the journey to Shanghai.

It is not asserted that the Council's boats are alone responsible for the choking up of the channel with stone, nor indeed is any specific allocation of their doing so made, although it is evidently assumed that they may resort to such a practice, which does not seem altogether to be an unreasonable assumption.

As a precautionary measure, therefore, their request appears justifiable, and I have transmitted it to you accordingly.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

V. L. SAVAGE,

H. M. Consul.

The CHAIRMAN,
Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, March 11, 1911.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 27, in regard to the condition of the fairway in the Grand Canal and other waterways near Kashing.

In reply thereto I am directed to state that, in accordance with the suggestion of the Chékiang Bureau of Foreign Affairs, renewed careful prohibitive instructions have been issued to the Council's contractors against jettisoning stone en route from Pingchiao to Shanghai.

Inasmuch as there men are made to refund \$4 per fong of freight lost in transit, the Council inclines to the view that the reason for the shallowness of the stream may rather be sought in general neglect of conservancy.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVISON,

Secretary.

V. L. SAVAGE, Esq.,

H. M. Consul, Hangchow.

Electricity Department.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of Thursday, March 2, are read and confirmed.

There were present:—

Messrs. E. C. Pearce (Chairman)
A. H. Collinson
G. Wullenmier
The Deputy Electrical Engineer
The Treasurer
The Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

[The minutes of this meeting relate chiefly to matters connected with the financial administration of the Department, and to the Estimates for the forthcoming year.]

Tramways—Inspection of Rolling Stock.—With reference to the paragraph on this subject in the Gazette of November 10, 1910, letters from the Tramway Company have been received stating that the whole of the rolling stock is being fitted with a special form of electric brake in addition to the ordinary hand brake, that defective condition of the wheels is prevented by timely renewal of tyres where necessary and requesting early inspection by an officer of the Council and publication of the result. The Deputy Electrical Engineer was accordingly deputed to carry out the work of inspection and his report is as follows:—

Shanghai, January 26, 1911.

I have carefully gone over the different points under discussion in connexion with this matter and I have to report that I consider at the present time the rolling stock is being kept in very good order and repair.

Some difficulty was at first experienced in connexion with the junction boxes for joining the motor cars to the trailers the motor cars and trailers have now all been fitted with an efficient junction box so that any motor car can be coupled up to any trailer with the solenoid brake on the trailer in circuit with the power brake on the motor car, the solenoid brake being entirely under the control of the motor man, the application of the power brake on the motor car operating the solenoid brake on the trailer at the same time.

With regard to the condition of the wheels on the cars, I should say that they are being kept in efficient order and repair, every car is overhauled periodically, a great number of them have been re-tired; the chief trouble experienced with the wheels is on the flanges, which is only to be expected on a Tramway route such as Shanghai with so many curves.

The grinding of the rails to take off the corrugations has also been receiving attention from the company and this of course greatly improves the smooth running of the cars.

A. H. BLAGDEN,

Deputy Electrical Engineer.

Poles.—With regard to enquiry by a member on the subject of the price paid for electric light poles, which is regarded as high, it is decided to call for tenders for a year's supply from April 1, in accordance with the recommendation of the Deputy Engineer.

Motors.—Of the tenders received in response to Notification No. 2075 for supply and delivery at the Electricity Works of 14 single-phase electric motors, it is decided, upon the recommendation of the Deputy Electrical Engineer, to accept that of Messrs. Inniss & Riddle, for motors manufactured by the Fuller Electric and Manufacturing Co., for the sum of £485.19s., delivery within 18 weeks. The remaining tenders are as follows:—

A. Janowitz	Sachsenwerk Licht & Kraft.	£451
Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	A. E. G.	511
Collins & Co.	J. L. Manufacturing Co.	522
Shewan, Tomes & Co.	British Westinghouse	524
Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd.	Bergmann Electric Works	554
Dodwell & Co. Ltd.	Fuller Electric and Manufacturing Co.	556
Shanghai Machine Co.	Sachsenwerk Licht & Kraft	557
Inniss & Riddle	Bergmann Electric Works	573
Scott, Harding & Co.	Bergmann Electric Works	576
Shanghai Machine Co.	Fuller Electric and Manufacturing Co.	577
Calder, Marshall & Co.	Bergmann Electric Works	578
Garrels, Borner & Co.	Electrizitats Actiengesell	579
Garrels, Borner & Co.	Bergmann Electric Works	585
Siemens China Elect. Eng. Co.	Siemens Schuckertwerke	595
Siemens & Co.	Bergmann Electric Works	607
Calder, Marshall & Co.	Brush Electric Engineering Co.	640
Brighton, Malcolm & King Ltd.	Allmanna Electric Co.	652
Bume & Reif	Garbe Lahmeyer & Co.	676
Shanghai Elect. & Asbestos Co. Ltd.	General Electric Co.	689
Scott, Harding & Co.	Rhodes Motors	694
Calder, Marshall & Co.	Harding Churton	701
Calder, Marshall & Co.	Harding Churton	713
Samuel & Co. Ltd.	Rhodes Motors	755
Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd.	Crompton & Co.	776
Von Düring, Wibel & Co.	Brown Boveri	777
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	Lancashire Dynamo Motor Co.	827
Andersen, Meyer & Co.	General Electric Co.	835
Westphal, King & Ramsay Ltd.	Electric Construction Co. Ltd.	840
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Land Assessment.

A letter signed by the Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd. and numerous other landowners in the Settlement is read, suggesting the re-assessment of the Settlement during the current year, to come into force on January 1, 1912. The Council is unanimously of opinion that, while such re-assessment may be justified in the circumstances, it is unfitting that the Council should make an official proposal on the subject until the present assessment which came into force on July 1, 1907, with respect to the Central District, and on January 1, 1908, with respect to the remaining

districts, has stood for 5 years. This letter with reply as directed is ordered for publication:—

Shanghai, March 3, 1911.

DEAR SIR,—We the undersigned registered owners and agents of property in the International Settlement beg to put forward the request that there be made a re-assessment of land during the current year, such re-assessment to come into force on the first of January, 1912, and that the Council will bring forward a resolution to this effect at the Ratepayers' Meeting to be held on March 21.

Our reason for making this request is that the market value of land generally has not for a considerable time reached the assessed value.

The assessment of 1907 was made when land had reached its highest price and there has ever since been a steady decline.

We would point out that the 1903 assessment was increased by one-third in 1905 and a new assessment was made in 1907 providing a sufficient precedent for departing from the quinquennial assessments.

We are, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

SHANGHAI LAND INV. CO., LD.,
Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Agents.

DAVIES & THOMAS
E. D. SASSOON & Co.
PROBST, HANBURY & Co., LD.,
L. Midwood, *Director.*
S. A. HARDOON
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.
HENRY LESTER
W. A. C. PLATT
SCOTT, CHRISTIE & JOHNSON
A. E. ALGAR
E. JENNER HOGG
ATKINSON & DALLAS, LD.
E. JENNER HOGG,
Chairman, Shanghai Gas

THE ANGLO-FRENCH LAND INVESTMENT CO., LD.,
A. R. BURKILL & SONS,
Agents.

A. W. BURKILL
A. R. BURKILL,
by his attorney,
A. W. Burkill

C. R. BURKILL
B. A. CLARKE
MOORHEAD & HALSE
A. McLEOD
PLATT, TEESDALE & MACLEOD
J. P. BISSETT & Co.,
F. H. Crossley
R. URE HUMMEL
THE CHINA LAND & FINANCE
Co., LD.

Charles Rieveley,
Secretary & Manager.
THE SHANGHAI BUILDING & INVESTMENT CO., LD.,
J. A. Wattie & Co., LD.,
Secretaries & General Managers.
THE CHINA MUTUAL LIFE
INSURANCE CO., LD.,
J. A. Wattie,
Managing Director.
J. A. WATTIE.

The SECRETARY,
Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, March 10, 1911.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 3, containing proposals for the re-assessment of the Settlement with effect from January 1, 1912.

In reply thereto, I am directed to state that the Council is officially unable to take any initiative in this matter, for the reason that the present assessment has not yet been in operation for the period of five years for which it was made.

The Council is aware that in certain parts of the Settlement the market value of land is at present below that at which it is assessed, and will not therefore oppose a Resolution in the sense you suggest if brought forward at the forthcoming Annual Meeting of Ratepayers.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

MESSRS. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents,
The Shanghai Land Investment Co., LD.,
and others.

Aviation.

A letter from Mr. R. Peters is read, desiring a donation from the Council towards a prize for a flight over the Settlement. This proposal is regarded as one to which the Council's support cannot be extended.

Application of Mr. E. G. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson applies for monetary compensation in respect to his failure in business, which he attributes to the fact that the tramway in the Nanking Road has destroyed what was formerly a paying business. It is recalled that a similar application on the part of Mr. W. T. Evans in 1908 was finally the subject of a Resolution at the Ratepayers' Meeting of that year. In the present instance the Council is unable to do more than inform the applicant that, while sympathising with his difficulties, the members are unable to comply with his request except under the direction of the Ratepayers:—

Shanghai, March 4, 1911.

SIR,—Will you kindly bring before the gentlemen of the Council, for their kind consideration, the following facts in regard to the injury caused to my business by a double track of tram rails being laid in the narrow part of Nanking Road in place of a single track as originally agreed. I have been for more than nineteen years in business at the above address and, up till the time the tram lines were laid, I earned enough from my business to pay all expenses. Since the lines were laid I have lost money every year, and now I have to sell off the stock and break up my home, as I cannot carry on business any longer as there is no room for a carriage to come near the store, and my business was principally with ladies who have their own

carriages, and as they cannot bring them anywhere near the store they do not come now and as mine is the only store in this part of the road that deals in ladies' and children's goods, I am the only one that has suffered to any extent. I wish, therefore, to ask the gentlemen of the Council to kindly grant me some compensation to help me pay off the debts the business has incurred through loss of trade. If they will kindly do so I will be able to pay off the debts and wind up the business without having to go bankrupt as the stock will not realize enough at forced sale to clear the debt. It is now nearly thirty-nine years since I came to Shanghai and, with the exception of seven years spent at Hankow, the whole of my time has been passed in this Settlement. I have served seven years in the Police Force under Mr. Superintendent Pinfold; I have served nineteen years in the Shanghai Volunteers; I was for two years 1st assistant in the Hongkew Hook and Ladder Company, Shanghai Fire Brigade.

I was for seven years and three months Superintendent of Police at Hankow. I had to leave there by doctor's order on account of continued ill-health and return to Shanghai, and I have been here in my present house ever since. I have first-class certificates for Police service, both in Shanghai and Hankow.

So, if the Council would kindly grant me sufficient compensation, to make up with what I may get from a forced sale of stock, enough to clear the business from debt, which amounts at present to Tls. 7,000, and then if the Council could give me some light employment where I might earn just enough to live upon I would take it as a very great favour and do my best to give satisfaction.

Statement showing difference in sales for the five years since the tram rails were laid and the five years previous:—

	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	\$
From 1901 to 1905			53,572.91
From 1906 to 1910			34,382.59

Deficiency \$19,190.32

For more than 12 months I have had to sell off without profit to reduce stock and get cash to work upon.

So my loss of profit for the last five years has been quite \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars).

And many articles were sold at 20 to 30 per cent. less than cost price.

If the Council wish me to do so I will send in a balance sheet showing value of stock taken February 28, 1911, and liabilities to that date.

Hoping to receive a favourable answer.

Yours obediently,
E. G. WILSON.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

P. S.—I would like to say that my landlord E. Jenner Hogg, Esq., agrees with me that the tramway has injured my business so that from January 1910 he reduced my rent from Tls. 145 to Tls. 125.

Council Room,

Shanghai, March 10, 1911.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 4, in which you describe the effect which the Tramway Service in the Nanking Road has had on your business.

In reply thereto I am directed to state that the Council views with sympathetic concern the present position in which you find yourself. At the same time, as stewards of the public funds, the members are unable to concede to your request for compensation unless specifically so directed by the Ratepayers.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVISON,

Secretary.

E. G. WILSON, Esq.,

Shanghai, March 13, 1911.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 10 in answer to my request for compensation for the bad effect the tramway service in the Nanking Road has had on my business, and that the Council view with sympathetic concern my present position, at the same time they are unable to grant my request without being specifically directed by the Ratepayers. I beg to thank the gentlemen of the Council for their expression of sympathy and for permission to lay my case before the Ratepayers at the annual meeting on March 21.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. G. WILSON.

W. E. LEVISON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

The meeting adjourns at 7 p.m.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, March 12, 1911.

	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 13,770	Deaths among Chinese population of 492,000
Small-pox.	2	9
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	1	—
Diphtheria.	0	1
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis	0	20
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	3	143

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

New Buildings

Cad. lot.	Road.	Name.	Description.
145	Dixwell & E. Seward	Moorhead & Halse	64 native houses
609	N. Szechuen	Chinese	Additional storey to house
573a	Thibet & Amoy	Shanghai Gas Co. Ltd.	1 motor garage
543	Elgin & Cunningham	Chinese	7 native houses
113	Kiangse	"	10 native houses

Public Band.

Public Performances.—The attendance on Sunday, March 12, numbered 500.

On Sunday next, March 19, at 4.30 p.m. the programme will be as follows:—

WAGNER PROGRAMME.

1. Introduction to Act III (Tannhäuser's pilgrimage) from "Tannhäuser"
2. Introduction to Act III and Bridal Chorus from "Lohengrin"
3. Overture "Faust"
4. Prelude "Tristan and Isolde"
5. (a) Sigmund's Love Song from "Die Walküre"
(b) March from "Lohengrin"
6. Overture "Tannhäuser"

Conductor, Professor Buck.

Proceedings at the Mixed Court

During the week ending Saturday, March 11, 1911:—

APPREHENSIONS.	Male	Female
Arson	2	
Assault	13	2
Miscellaneous	2	1
Garbage	21	1
Traffic	410	
Nuisance	146	
Burglary	14	
Civil Offences	11	
Cruelty to Animals	4	
Cruelty to Children	1	1
Cutting and Wounding	1	
Embezzlement	1	
Extortion	3	
False Pretences	3	
Fighting and creating a disturbance	30	4
Forgery	2	
Furious driving	2	
Gambling	60	1
Housebreaking	9	
Insanity	2	
Illegal Detention	1	
Kidnapping	2	
Larceny	93	5
Loitering	9	
Soliciting prostitution	1	
Receiving stolen property	3	2
Returning from expulsion	7	
Trespass	6	
Attempted suicide	2	
Unlawful possession	15	
Vagrancy	16	
False accusation	1	
Manslaughter	1	
Uttering counterfeit coins	2	
Miscellaneous cases	3	4
TOTAL...	895	25

PUNISHMENTS AND DECISIONS.

	Male	Female
Imprisonment	116	8
Imprisonment and Fined	2	
Imprisonment and Caning	3	
Impt. Caning and expulsion	3	
Imprisonment and expulsion	43	
Fined	109	5
Bail Forfeited	555	3
Reformatory	8	
Canioned	3	1
Dismissed	15	
Released on Security	7	
Left to Court	8	
Handed to Parents (or) Guardians	2	2
Sent to Sinza Refuge	18	3
Sent to Native Authorities	3	3

TOTAL...895 25

HOUSE OF DETENTION FOR MALES.

Inmates at the beginning of week	101
Received during the week	15
Released during the week	15
Remaining at the end of week	98

FEMALE WARD.

Inmates at beginning of week	88
Received during the week	36
Released during the week	27
Remaining at the end of week	97

SUMMONSES AND WARRANTS.

Summonses issued	32
Warrants issued	33
Summonses served	29
Warrants executed	8

C. D. BRUCE,

Captain-Superintendent of Police

Engineer's Report for February.

The woodpaving of the Nanking Road, between Chekiang Road and the Defence Creek, has been commenced. The footways are being raised to allow for a considerable reduction in the camber of the carriageway.

At Seward Road Bridge the steel girders and concrete floor slabs have been laid on the southern half of the new structure, and the tramway track is being laid in its permanent position.

At Dixwell Road Bridge, over the Sawginkiang, the whole of the false-work has been removed. No appreciable deflection has been observed and the settlement of the abutments has been quarter of an inch. The work of making up the north approach is proceeding; the south approach works have not yet been put in hand.

Works in progress.—Filling in and draining side ditch in Bubbling Well Road, west of Medhurst Road.

Replacing two existing wooden bridges in Ferry Road, between Robison Road and Ichang Road, by 4-ft. 6-in. diameter and 3-ft. diameter concrete culverts.

Woodpaving Nanking Road, between Chekiang Road and Defence Creek.

Ricsha stands on the Bund between Canton Road and Nanking Road.

Repairs to North Szechuen Road Bridge.

New Plant House, Reserve Garden.
Reconstruction of Seward Road Bridge.

Laboratory for testing cement and other materials at Concreteware Yard.

Urinal, Concreteware Yard.

Making up Dixwell Road between East Yalu Road and East Yuhang Road, Foochow pole bunding on Hoongkew Creek opposite the Sawgiukiang.

Repairs to Stone Bunding, Baikal Road.

Making up approach to Dixwell Road Bridge.

New Laundry Block at the Gaol.

Works finally completed.

Filling in side ditch in Bubbling Well Road, west of Hart Road.

Filling in creek in Weibaiwei Road east of Yata's Road.

Temporary footbridge across the Soochow Creek east of Stone Bridge.

Widening roads around Cathedral Compound.

Painting Chinese Isolation Hospital.

New reinforced concrete bridge Dixwell Road over the Sawgiukiang.

Repairs to decking, Yuenfong Road Bridge.

Plans completed.

Detective's Office, Louza Police Station.

Proposed drainage in Main Road, etc.

Proposed making up of Washing Road.

Cleansing—The following was collected during the month:—

168 Cartloads Garbage

646 „ Ashes

3,226 „ Road Detritus

2,185 „ Gully Deposit

Quarry.—2,904 tons of road materials were received from the Quarry during the month. 305 tons were dispatched for the account of the French Council.

Concreteware.—The following concreteware was made at the Range Road Dépôt during the month:—

Hand made 477 pieces

Machine made Nil.

New Buildings.—Summary of work done during the month:—

Description of work	Total
Buildings under construction	112
Plans submitted for approval	21
Plans approved	18
Inspections by Inspectors	724
Permits for Boundary Walls	1
„ Carpenters' sheds	—
„ Repairs to Buildings	46
„ New Shop Fronts	18
„ Painting	163
„ Alterations	20
„ Erecting Fences	18
„ Erecting Signboards	217

Permits for Erecting Drying Stages 1

„ Temporary Matsushades 20

„ Temporary Cloth Sunshades—

Dangerous Building Notices issued 13

Sommonses —

Encroachment reported and rectified 2

Dangerous Structures

Notices of dangerous structures received from the public —

Dangerous structures reported by P.W.D. 8

Notices from other Departments 4

First Intimation Notices issued 12

Second „ „ „ 1

Survey Work

Official measurements of new land: lots attended 17

Cadastral certificates issued 8

Consular lots surveyed 16

Surveys made in connexion with road widenings and/or extensions 42

Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads or waterways which are or may in future be of use to the public 26

M.C.R. Stones erected.—

Western District 6

Eastern District 9

Labour.—The average number of coolies employed during the month, exclusive of contract work, has been 2,023 as compared with 1,533 during February 1910.

CHAS. H. GOLFREY,
Engineer & Surveyor.

Health Officer's Report for February.

There has been a lessening in the incidence of Smallpox. Owing to a continuance of the auspicious of Municipal sanitary methods, which originated with the plague operations of last year, the free vaccination of Chinese has not been properly availed of and the same want of co-operation is still manifest in other branches of sanitary work to the detriment of Public Health.

With the exception of Smallpox there has been no marked prevalence of any of the dangerous preventable diseases. The diminution in the number of plague-infected rats is more than can be accounted for by the smaller number of rats examined in the Laboratory, due to the resumption of the examination of rats found dead only, that is to say, excluding the examination of trapped rats from the Northern 4th Sanitary Sub-District. In January 2,565 rats were examined of which 48 or 1.87 per cent. were found plague-infected; in

February 638 were examined and 4 or 0.63 per cent. were found plague-infected. The resumption of the original method of examining rats in the Laboratory was made because the examination of trapped rats gave no new information as to plague foci.

The outbreak of Pneumonic Plague in the North appears to be exhausting itself in the places where it first appeared but to be still spreading both in Manchuria and in the provinces bordering on the Gulf of Pechili. The form appears still to be almost entirely pneumonic. No such alarming outbreak of purely Pneumonic Plague has been described in modern times. Pneumonic Plague is spread from man to man by contagion, the infective material being in the lungs and spread by coughing or even by speaking. This form of Plague is got from contact with the breath of an infected person which accounts for so many of the doctors attending the cases dying. The insanitary conditions under which the people live, day and night, in overcrowded heated rooms tightly closed up—out-door work being largely given up during the intensely cold winter—are just those under which Pneumonic Plague would spread. Pneumonic Plague breeds true; one case of Pneumonic Plague gives rise to another case of Pneumonic Plague. The intervention of the rat flea is not necessary for its propagation. There can, however, be little doubt that, when warm weather comes and the people resume their out-door life and houses get properly ventilated, the outbreak of Pneumonic Plague will be limited; but the danger threatens of rats becoming infected and a more lasting source of Plague, chiefly bubonic, remaining. Indeed, there are reasons for believing that Plague is endemic in parts of Manchuria and Transbaikalia, which would indicate that rats or rat-like animals are already infected.

In Shanghai the outbreak of Plague in the North furnishes no reasons for altering the plan of campaign formulated two years ago, when plague-infected rats were first discovered in the Settlement. Plague infection is, and has been for more than two years past, when it was probably introduced by shipping from plague-infected ports, present among the rats and, as long as this condition obtains, Plague will menace the Settlement. The form of Plague propagated by rats is mainly bubonic, and infection from human cases may be almost neglected from a preventive point of view. Were Pneumonic Plague to spread to Shanghai in epidemic form from the North an

entirely new method of prevention would be required, having for its main object the isolation of cases of Plague and those who had been in contact with such cases. Then would arise all the difficulties met with when a foreign governing body has to carry out measures affecting the person of an alien population. These would be to a certain extent be removed by having available a purely native organisation such as the Chinese Plague Hospital which would provide inspection by Chinese physicians and isolation in a hospital controlled by the Chinese themselves.

It becomes all the more necessary, therefore, to take those measures against Plague which will be certainly attended by some measure of success. Such are those directed against plague-infected rats. As regards determining the actual locality of infection the present measures leave little to be desired. The same applies to measures of rat destruction. As regards measures directed against diminishing the means of rat sustenance, with the object of lessening the number of rats by starvation, much still remains to be done by more efficient storage of house refuse in rat-proof receptacles on private premises. But the outstanding requirement of plague prevention which has not yet been met is the making of proper rules for excluding rats from new Chinese houses and the gradual application of these same rules to existing houses in places where the danger of plague from infected rats is greatest.

Here follow tables of Vital Statistics, Infectious Disease and outdoor Sanitary work, including a special summary of Plague Prevention work, work done in the Municipal Laboratory, Municipal Hospitals and Slaughter-house.

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

DEATHS.

	Foreign.	Native.
Resident.	Non-resident.	
Small-pox	3	0 30
Cholera	0	0 0
Typhoid Fever	0	0 5
Diphtheria	1	0 1
Scarlet Fever	0	0 1
Tuberculosis	2	1 35
Plague	0	0 0
Beri-beri	0	0 1
Dysentery	0	0 0
From all causes...	15	1 506

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED AMONG FOREIGN RESIDENT POPULATION.

Small-pox	3
Cholera	0
Typhoid Fever	3
Diphtheria	3
Scarlet Fever	0
Tuberculosis	0
Plague	0

ISOLATION HOSPITALS.

	Foreign.	Native.
Cases Admitted—Small-pox	9	8
Cholera	0	0
Typhoid Fever	0	0
Diphtheria	3	2
Scarlet Fever	1	0
Beri-beri	0	0
Other Diseases	13	16
Discharged	30	32
Died	3	2
Remaining last day of month	6	27

MUNICIPAL LABORATORY.

Small-pox vaccine issued	1180
Vaccinations	744
Diphtheria Antitoxin issued	18
Plague vaccine issued	36,076
Cases undergoing anti-rabic treatment	0
Bacteriological examinations	220
Analyses	33

VICTORIA NURSING HOME.

	Cases admitted.	Nursed outside.
Medical	15	1
Surgical	10	3
Maternity	3	2
Mental	3	0
Infections	0	0
Total	31	6

SLAUGHTER-HOUSE RETURNS.

	Slaughtered.	Rejected at Slaughter-house.	Passed for Slaughter from Cattle-sheds.	Passed for Export from Cattle-sheds.	Rejected at Cattle-sheds.
Oxen	1083	0	1083	0	0
Sheep	2168	1	2168	8	2
Calves	284	0	284	0	0
Pigs	322	0	322	0	0

REPORT ON ANALYSIS OF WATER.
Sample received February 28, 1911.
Report sent out March 4, 1911.
Sample of Shanghai Waterworks Co.'s Water.

Physical Characters.—Yellowish green colour with considerable opacity. Slight alkaline reaction.

Solid Matter in Solution	11.4
a.—Volatile	4.8
b.—Fixed	6.6
Appearance on Ignition	Slight charring
Total Hardness	8.0
a.—Temporary	3.5
b.—Permanent	4.5
Chlorine	1.6
Nitrogen as Nitrates	0.0412
Saline Ammonia	0.0017
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0114
Poisonous Metals	Nil
Nitrites	Nil
Phosphates	Nil
Sulphates	Trace
Oxygen absorbed in 1 hour at 37° c.	0.0256

Bacteriological Examination.—Gelatin plates at 23° c. yielded an average of 80 micro-organisms per cubic centimetre; while agar plates at 37° c. showed an average of 50.

Organisms of the coli group were not present in quantities up to 2.7 c.c. of the water.

Report on Analysis.—A sample of water of a high degree of chemical and biological purity.

SUMMARY OF PLAGUE PREVENTION WORK

	District				Total
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	361	542	259	126	1288
Rats plague infected	0	4	0	0	4
Human plague cases	0	0	0	0	0
No. of traps in operation	2200	5800	2600	400	11000
No. of rats trapped and burnt	4326	7592	2422	987	15327
Poisoned baits laid	88090	71746	81600	27200	268636
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupier	267	452	315	201	1235
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owner	24	19	8	6	57
Persons vaccinated against plague	0	0	0	0	0

GENERAL SANITARY WORK.

	District				Total
	Eastern	Northern	Central	Western	
Vaccination against small-pox	328	201	136	79	744
Enquiries after notification of foreign cases of infectious disease	5	12	0	1	18
Enquiries after notification of Chinese cases of, and deaths from, infectious disease	45	18	80	9	152
Rooms disinfected after infectious disease	41	53	5	34	133
Articles of clothing, bedding, etc., disinfected by steam	2433	356	63	188	3040
Houses cleansed and limewashed	482	664	0	207	1353
Ventilation and lighting amended	0	0	0	0	0
Defective drainage amended	5	14	5	16	40
Insanitary wells abolished	2	1	0	0	3
Proper water supply provided	0	1	0	0	1
Insanitary latrines and urinals rendered healthy	4	1	2	0	7
Ordure pits and kongs abolished	14	0	0	2	16
Exposed coffined corpses removed and buried	11	8	0	0	19
Smoke nuisances suppressed	0	0	1	1	2
Offensive trade processes amended	0	0	0	3	3
Beggar-boats removed	9	0	0	0	9
Complaints of insanitary conditions received from the Public	4	5	5	19	33
Insanitary conditions reported by the Health Officer. Written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	31	53	32	34	150
Second written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	11	3	4	17	35
Notices of intention to proceed served	0	0	0	0	0
Samples taken for analysis	15	3	0	17	35
Pounds of unsound food destroyed	130	0	90	4	224
Hawkers brought into Markets	81	42	0	54	177
Food prosecutions	1	0	0	0	1
House refuse prosecutions	32	10	0	0	42
Laundry and other prosecutions	2	0	0	0	2
Tons of ordure removed	1120	2340	1510	1008	5978
Tons of house refuse removed	1917	3068	2939	945	8869